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FOR HABIB FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. I HAVE DISCUSSED REFTEL WITH THE SECRETARY WHO SAYS
YOU SHOULD MAKE BOTH PUBLIC STATEMENT AND THE MESSAGE
TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE SOMEWHAT MORE FORTHCOMING.

2. THE PRESS STATEMENT OUGHT TO RUN MORE ALONG THE
FOLLOWING LINE (ALTHOUGH YOU MAY WANT TO CLEAN IT UP
A BIT SINCE I AM DICTATING THIS IN HAST).
BEGIN QUOTE: WE ARE PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE INFORMATION
PROVIDED, AND CONSIDER IT A POSITIVE STEP. THE LIST
GIVEN TO US HOWEVER DEALS ONLY WITH A SMALL PORTION OF
THE MANY HUNDREDS OF OUTSTANDING CASES OF MEN MISSING
IN ACTION IN INDOCHINA. WE CANNOT BELIEVE THAT THE
VIETNAMESE WISH TO TRADE ON THE MISERY OF AMERICAN
FAMILIES, AND THEREFORE WE CALL UPON THE VIETNAMESE
AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE AS FULL AN ACCOUNTING AS POSSIBLE
FOR ALL OF OUR MISSING MEN WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.
END QUOTE

3. WITH REGARD TO HOW WE DEAL WITH THE VIETNAMESE THEM-
SELVES THE SECRETARY AGREES THAT OUR EMBASSY OFFICER IN
PARIS WHO WAS GIVEN THE LIST SHOULD GO BACK TO THE
VIETNAMESE. HE SHOULD INDICATE THAT WE CONSIDER THE
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INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE VIETNAMESE TO BE A POSITIVE

STEP BUT CONTINUE TO EXPECT THAT WE WILL BE PROVIDED
AS FULL AN ACCOUNTING AS POSSIBLE FOR ALL OF OUR MISSING
MEN WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

4. AS TO WALDHEIM, WE SHOULD TAKE THE SAME APPROACH AS
SUGGESTED ABOVE WITH THE PRESS.

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